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Summary of Events from July 6-July 17 2009

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These past two weeks in The “MOCRS” office have not been as eventful as the weeks prior; however they have been an intriguing learning experience nevertheless.

During the week of July 5th 2009, I stayed in the office and did some clerical work such as taking phone calls, answering voicemails, and entering data until Thursday July 9th 2009. That was my “Fix It” day. This particular “Fix- It” was interesting because it was in my own back alley. It was great to be involved in work in my own neighborhood. The Department of Public Works (DPW) abated all the overgrowth in the alley and also trimmed the trees along the fences. My neighbors were ecstatic and I was very appreciative of the “MOCRS” office and the various departments that help to make my neighborhood more aesthetically appealing.

Friday July 10, 2009, I attended a meeting with Mayor Fenty where the “MOCRS” presented their reports of their “Fix- Its” as well as upcoming projects. It was neat to be able to sit amongst the Mayor and the “MOCRS” as if I were a colleague. Also, it was interesting to see how the Mayor interacts with others when he is not under the scrutiny of the media or among constituents.

Tuesday July 14, 2009, I attended another Mayor’s meeting. It was nearly the same as the one prior, but some wards had new events or “Fix- It” outcomes to present to the Mayor. The meeting was short, sweet and concise. Just the way the Mayor likes it!

The week of July 13, 2009, I mainly stayed in the office doing clerical work. However, the best part of my week is when we went to the Capitol Area Food Bank on Thursday July 16, 2009. I enjoy volunteering with different organizations in my spare time, and to something I love with my peers was a great experience. We opened boxes and carefully placed the items in their appropriate container. It was hot and the work was very tiring, but we did our job appropriately and hopefully to do our best ability. I

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hope that my co workers grasped the experience as a humbling one as I did. Because being a critical member in an effort to decrease numbers of hungry citizens in the DC Metropolitan Area should most definitely make one take a step back and look on their life and appreciate everything they have.

These past two weeks were great, I am grateful of the experiences, I am learning from everyone around me, and taking the skills I have acquired here and I am finding a place to apply them in my life.